(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some cash fine has been fixed for FPSs which do not submit their drafts within prescribed dates;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the amount collected on this account so far;

(g) whether Government propose to impose some cash fine against staff of F.C.I. and Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation who do not ensure supply of rationed items within the prescribed time limit; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The dates fixed by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCT) for collection of drafts are as follows:

For Wheat and Rice & Atta: 16th, 19th, and 26th for the first fortnight and 2nd, 6th and 10th for the second fortnight.

For Levy Sugar, 23rd of each month.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Officers of Food and Civil Supplies Department have been instructed to hand over the drafts to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation (DSCSC) on the day on which drafts are received by them.

(e) To ensure availability of sugar at the Fair Price Shops (FPS) at the beginning of each month, FPS holders have been asked to deposit Demand Drafts for sugar latest by 23rd of each month. For intentional defaulters, a provision has been made to penalise them by way of forfeiture of security, if the circumstances so warrant. This has been communicated to the FPS holders. No such action has been contemplated in case of default in depositing demand drafts for wheat, rice and atta.

(f) The total amount forfeited is Rs. 17450 during the months of June and July, 1993.

(g) and (h) Delhi Administration has reported that there is no such proposal under consideration.

Rationing Offices in Noida

1752. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of the rationing offices functioning in Noida, district Ghaziabad:

(b) whether the present number of rationing offices in Noida is sufficient for the whole population of Noida;

(c) whether the Fair Price Shops in Noida are functioning properly as per the rules and timings prescribed for them; and

(d) if not, what action has so far been taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance, under Revamped PDS

1753. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of assistance provided by the Central Government to the States and Union Territories since the launching of the Revamped Public Distribution Scheme (RPDS) last year;

(b) the details of the use of this assistance by the concerned States and Union Territories separately; and

(c) the number of additional fair price shops, additional ration cards and additional storage capacity created in the RPDS areas so far.